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Jur language

Jur, also known as **Luo** (Luo, *Dheluwo)*, is a language spoken by the Luwo people of Bahr el Ghazal region in South Sudan. The language is predominantly spoken in the western and northern parts of Bahr el Ghazal.

The language is part of the Luo languages of East Africa and is especially related to the languages of South Sudan such as Anyuak and Päri with whom it forms a dialect cluster.[3]

Jur	
Luwo	
Native to	South Sudan
Region	Bahr el Ghazal
Ethnicity	Luwo people
Native speakers	(80,000 cited 1983 census)[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? ▪ Eastern Sudanic ▪ Nilotic ▪ Western Nilotic ▪ Luo ▪ Northern ▪ Jur languages ▪ **Jur**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`lwo`
Glottolog	`luwo1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/luwo1239)`[2]

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Etymology

The Jur language is spoken by the Luwo (or Jur Col), an ethnic group in South Sudan. Jur is exonym adopted from the local Dinka language whose speakers are the Luwo's northern and eastern neighbours.[4] Its original Dinka usage, non-cattle-holding non-Dinka, was not particular to the Jur. Jur Col ("black Jur") is today used to disambiguate Luwo from other Jur groups.

Status

Jur is currently a developing language. Meaning that the language is developing its written language, standard dialect and undoing modernization.[5]

Sample phrases

English	Luwo
Hello (How are you?)	Mahdhia (Ni dih)?
I am fine (nothing bad)	Gihn me raaj tooro.
What is your name?	Nyingi nga'a?
My name is Dimo	Nyinga Dimo
Child	Nyithiin
Boy	Nyidhohg
Girl	Nyakuo
God is great	Juag Duohng
Good	Beer
Thank you	Kori
Am happy	Ciwnya med

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